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In early May 1953 the Zeiss representative, Gerhard Rommel, who is at present on an extended visit in China, informed his firm that the Chinese government will place the following orders with the firm for delivery in 1954:

- a. Several thousand levels
- b. 700 portable motion picture projectors, type 16/501 for 16 millimeter film The projectors are to be delivered together with gasoline power units and are to be packed in parts not exceeding 20 kilograms each so that they can be transported over rough terrain. The firm will deliver the projectors. The gasoline power units will be manufactured by VEB FIMAG Finsterwalde; the motors for the power units will come from VEB IFA Motorradwark DKM Zachopau.

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